

VOICES

LEARNING FROM OTHERS



VOICES IV DISCUSSION GUIDE

Every summer Doxa welcomes preachers from other places to come challenge and encourage our church. This year will be our fourth time hosting a Voices series and we are expectant that this year's line up will be refreshing for our church!

VOICES: WEEK FOUR - **Your Emotional Health is Showing**

Text: Daniel 3: 1-13

This week Bill Clem shares with us about our emotional health and the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. To unify a growing and diverse Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar erects a golden statue and acting on his power, forces the people to worship it. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego humbly refuse the ultimatum with conviction and unwavering trust in God. Enraged, King Nebuchadnezzar orders them to be thrown into a fiery furnace and God sends an angel to save them. After praising God for this miracle, we see Nebuchadnezzar respond with power - still emotionally frozen. Often we like to see ourselves as the hero of the story struggling against the enemy. Bill reminds us that often times we are more like Nebuchadnezzar, struggling to let God take control of our lives. Stories like these remind us that we don't want to be like King Nebuchadnezzar frozen in our emotional intelligence, but rather like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who place their trust in God.

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1. God sends an angel to save Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego after they acted on their faith. What does this tell us about the character of God?
2. Bill explained that the three officials represent Jesus and often times we resemble King Nebuchadnezzar. How do the actions of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego resemble Jesus?
3. Like King Nebuchadnezzar who was frozen in his emotional development, we can miss God's teaching in our lives. Which emotions are the hardest for you to experience at this stage in life? Sadness? Anger? Loneliness? Disappointment? Boredom? Betrayal?
4. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stand firm against worshipping other things in place of God. What is the most obvious invitation in your life right now to worship something else besides Jesus?
5. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego respond with conviction and trust in God when faced with death. What's a situation in your life right now where you can exercise trust in God's provision and character?